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SUBJECT: CRITICAL SOVIET STATEMENTS ON ARMS CONTROL
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. JUNE 17 PRAVDA ARTICLE "ON THE PRESENT POLICY OF THE
US GOVERNMENT" CONTAINED FOLLOWING ALLEGATION:

BEGIN QUOTE: ARTIFICIAL COMPLICATIONS ARE ALSO BEING
CREATED IN THE OTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON DISARMAMENT. DESPITE
OFFICIAL DENIALS, A LINE IS ACTUALLY BEING PURSUED TO LINK
THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER ABSOLUTELY UN-
RELATED QUESTIONS. AS TO OTHER NEGOTIATIONS, IT APPEARS
THAT AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO USE THEM MERELY TO COVER
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UP THE MILITARISTIC POLICY.

THUS, UNDER THE COVER OF DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM OF RESTRICT-
ING INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENTS TRADE, AND CONTRARY TO THE US
PRESIDENT'S ELECTION PROMISES, 11,300 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH
OF ARMAMENTS WERE DELIVERED ABROAD BY THE USA IN 1977,
ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL FIGURES, AND IN 1978 IT IS PLANNED TO

INCREASE THE VALUE OF THEIR SALES TO 13,200 MILLION DOLLARS.
END QUOTE.

2. IN HIS MAY 26 SPEECH AT THE UN SSOD GROMYKO'S STATE-
MENT ACCUSING THE WEST OF USING THE SSOD AS COVER FOR AN
ARMS BUILDUP WAS MORE OBLIQUE:

BEGIN QUOTE: ON THE SAME DAYS, WHEN THE UN SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS WORK, ANOTHER SESSION,
THAT OF THE NATO COUNCIL, IS TO BE HELD NOT FAR AWAY FROM
HERE. REPRESENTED AT IT WILL BE A NUMBER OF STATES, ON
BEHALF OF WHICH SPEECHES ARE MADE HERE IN FAVOR OF DIS-
ARMAMENT. BUT WHAT QUESTIONS ARE ON THE AGENDA OF THE
NATO SESSION? NO SECRET IS MADE OF IT--A FURTHER BUILDUP
OF MILITARY PREPARATIONS WITH A PROSPECT FOR THE EIGHTIES.
HENCE IT FOLLOWS THAT SOME GOVERNMENTS SHOW INCONSISTENCY,
YIELD TO THE PRESSURE OF THE CIRCLES WHICH HAVE LINKED
THEIR DESTINY WITH MILITARY PRODUCTION AND FABULOUS PRO-
FITS THEY DERIVE FROM THE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS. AND IN
ORDER TO STUPEFY PEOPLE AND TO WHIP UP THE ARMS RACE,
THEY DELIBERATELY CREATE MYTHS, OR AT LEAST SPREAD THE OLD
ONES LIKE THE "SOVIET MILITARY THREAT." END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY MOSCOW REQUESTED TO ADD ANY COMMENTS
IT DESIRES. CHRISTOPHER

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